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COMMITTEE II

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1st MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Friday, 24 August 1990, at 3 p.m.

President: Mr. STRULAK (Poland)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The CHAIRMAN said that, following the practice of previous Review Conferences, the Committee had been assigned the task of considering agenda items 13.C (1-3) and 13.E and 14.A and 14.B (NPT/CONF.IV/1, pp.10-13). The target date for completion of the Committee's work was Wednesday, 5 September 1990, the Drafting Committee being scheduled to begin its work no later than Monday, 10 September 1990. Furthermore, it should be borne in mind that the Palais des Nations would be closed officially on 6 and 7 September, which were public holidays in Geneva. In view of the limited conference facilities available, no more than two meetings of the Conference could be held simultaneously. The best possible use, therefore, had to be made of the limited time available to the Committee. He would prefer issues to be taken up one by one, in the order in which they appeared on the agenda. There was obviously no need for a general debate, and the Committee's task would be greatly facilitated if statements were succinct and addressed one specific issue at a time. Given the shortage of time, it was also important that the discussions should result at the earliest possible stage in specific conclusions or recommendations to be elaborated by the Committee. Concrete suggestions in writing would be welcome, as would informal consultations aimed at producing an agreed text. The Chair and the Bureau of the Committee would be ready to participate actively in a search for consensus formulations.

The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.